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Notes from KO4ZFO (Rodney)

Dear SWARC members,

Here are some thoughts and suggestions for the coming months:

1. February's presentation on NC AUXCOM (see comments from VP below), instead of our annual auction, which will be announced for at a later date.
2. Club T-shirt pre-order signup ends at the end of the month. Here is the link to sign up:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdFAsZf46VNAT-YOP73k_PsSu9tQnYukf4SRWyU2CYaWsKvTA/viewform?usp=sf_link
3. New DMR Talk Group for SWARC on the TGIF network and open to anyone who wishes to talk. The talk group is for general purpose. The Talk Group ID is: 14521
4. We are now seeking volunteers for RARSfest, so anyone who would like to help watch the club table should email me.
5. Anyone interested in Winter Field Day can also email me. I plan to send out another email for anyone interested in participating. See Ron Cooney's comments under New Business below.

We have been asked by the Legion to provide four or more members to assist with serving dinner at their January 9, 2025 meeting. We will do this to strengthen our relationship with the AL Post 116. Reach out to me if you can help.

Monthly Reminders



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Please remember our fellow members who are dealing with various medical situations. Please reach out to these members. Even a phone call can brighten their day and give them encouragement through their recovery.

We ask you to keep the following in your thoughts and prayers:

Dave, NW3U, Gary, KO4LQX, Kenny, KJ4CVK, Steve, KA0GMY, and Bernie Jones, N4BAJ.

Breaking News: Dave, NW3U, was thought to have had a minor stroke during the holidays, but that has been ruled out for now.

Steve, KA0GMY, continues to have health issues of various and sundry sorts so remember him and his family.

Gary Plante, KO4LQX, reports:

Happy New Year Richard!

I'm doing good but having a reaction to the immunotherapy and getting a number of rashes that are very itchy. So far cortisone cream has helped so I think I will still be able to receive immunotherapy next Tuesday.

As far as being around people there is no problem with that because my immune system is overcharged from the therapy, but usually by the end of the day I'm a little tired.

Thanks, Gary (Report from Richard Hall this week).

Kenny (KJ4CVK), has ongoing health issues, so keep him in your thoughts.



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Bernie (N4BAJ) has pulled back from many activities due to the length of his recovery. His health has improved and we look forward to his in-person participation in the near future.

Lastly, I want to remind you that we are now taking online payments for dues and donations. We currently have a link on our website which allows you to pay your dues or make a donation. Please let us know when you pay online by emailing me, so that I can ensure your payment is marked either for dues or a donation.

Rodney
KO4ZFO

Notes from NW3U (Dave)

Hello SWARC Members,

From the VP, the February meeting will be a bit different than in past years. We have a speaker lined up; Dwayne Ayers is coming to talk about Auxcomm and bringing the chairman of the NC QSO party that is coming up the end of the month.

I want to remind everyone that there is a public service net at 7:00 pm on the last Wednesday of each month on the 146.64 repeater. You don't have to have been involved before to participate in the net; you can just listen in unless something said piques an interest with you.

Dave, NW3U

SWARC 1 January 2025 Meeting Minutes



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The meeting was held in the usual place at the usual time. Thanks to all who brought snacks and goodies for us to partake of. It was a small crowd, but a quality one!

The meeting began at 7:00 pm with Pledge of Allegiance led by Rodney, KO4ZFO.

Attendees: Bill (KK4QDZ), Rodney (KO4ZFO), Richard (K7RLH), Phil (KZ4OE, formerly KQ4MSQ), Robert (KQ4GSA), Ron (K4AAA), and Steve (WB4SMS).

Old/Unfinished Business

Rodney (KO4ZFO) reminded folks that, if they want a club t-shirt, they need to fill out the form with number of shirts and sizes desired.

New Business

Ron (K4AAA) brought up the question of the club participating in Winter Field Day, even if just for a few hours down in the radio room for the camaraderie and fellowship. Stay tuned for future details and plans. Included in the following paragraphs are his thoughts for WFD:

“My suggestion is operating from Saturday Noon till 4 - 5 PM that afternoon. WFD (January 25 and 26) is always on the last full weekend of January, beginning at 16:00 UTC (11:00am EST) on Saturday and running through 21:59 (4:59pm EST) on Sunday.

You can operate on the 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meter HF bands.

Winter Field Day is an exciting annual event for amateur radio enthusiasts, taking place on the last full weekend of January. It offers a unique opportunity for radio operators to set up field operations in remote locations, enabling them to connect with other participants



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worldwide. You may choose to participate solo or get your your friends, family, or whole club involved. Winter Field Day is organized by the Winter Field Day Association. The association strongly believes that ham radio operators should practice portable emergency communications in winter environments. This is because freezing temperatures, snow, ice, and other hazards pose unique operational concerns.

The Winter Field Day event aims to help participants improve their preparedness for disasters and enhance their operational abilities in adverse conditions. Amateur radio operators have the freedom to use frequencies on the HF, VHF, or UHF bands while employing voice, CW, and digital transmissions. The event designates specific objectives to encourage a diverse range of activities, including the use of non-commercial power sources, the deployment of multiple antennas, establishing satellite contacts, and more.

Event Details

Objective:

WFD is a multi-objective event. The primary objective is to set up an amateur radio field station and successfully make multiple contacts. Successful participants are those who can set up their equipment and correctly log the designated exchange during the operational period explained below. All participants are encouraged to complete as many additional objectives as possible. After the event, submit a log of stations worked and any additional documentation.

Eligibility:

All licensed amateur radio operators are encouraged to participate in the emergency communications exercise known as Winter Field Day.



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Operational Period:

Winter Field Day is held the last full weekend in January. For 2025, it will be held on January 25th and 26th. The 30-hour operational period starts at 1600 UTC on Saturday (11 am EST), the 25th, and ends at 21:59 UTC on Sunday, the 26th (4:59 pm EST). Stations may begin setting up no earlier than 1600 UTC (11 am EST) on the Friday before. However, cumulative set-up time shall not exceed 12 hours.

Location Restraints:

A multi-station WFD operation must ensure all stations operating under a single call sign are located in the same physical area. All station equipment, including antennas, feed lines, and accessories used, must be located within a circular area whose diameter does not exceed 1,000 feet (300m). This 1,000 ft area does not have to remain constant throughout the event¹.

Exchange:

The designated Winter Field Day exchange includes your call sign, a category number, a class identifier, and a location identifier.

Category: A number designated by the number of transceivers (stations) at your location that are capable of transmitting simultaneously. 1, 2, 3, etc. This means you have the people needed to operate the number of transmitters you choose. Include all HF, VHF, and UHF transceivers. Don't count a station if it must be left unattended while you make contacts on another. If you decide to operate a satellite station, the satellite station does not increase your category number.

Class: You must choose which class you will operate in. If you are operating as a group under one call sign, choose the class that applies to the majority of the stations at your field day site.



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Class Options:

H - Home station: is defined as any station participating from inside their permanent livable residence

I - Indoor station: is defined as any station operating away from Home but from inside an insulated, weather-protected building or structure on a permanent foundation. Indoor stations typically have plumbing, heating/cooling, and running water. Church, EOCs, a club shack, a cabin, and community centers are all examples of an Indoor station.

O - Outdoor station:

Outdoor stations operate from a partly or fully exposed building or shelter that does not typically have plumbing, heating/cooling, or running water available. Operating from a picnic table, park pavilion, tents, or under pop-up canopies are all places that could be considered Outdoor. These are locations where you may have to provide your own heat source and/or protection from the elements.

M - Mobile / Mobile Stationary:

These stations are defined as operations from a mobile or potentially mobile like an RV, car, van, sailboat, cargo trailer, mobile EOC, ETC. These are operating positions that may offer some sort of built-in heating/cooling. Mobile Stations do not have to be mobile during the event. They are defined as having the ability to be mobile should it be necessary to move during the event. RVs and Cargo trailers with external antennas set up are still considered Mobile.



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Location Identifier:

US and Canadian stations will use the ARRL / RAC Section as designated by those organizations. Mexico stations will use MX, and all other stations outside of the US will use DX.”

Program/Presentation

There was no official program, but Rodney had brought his hotspot in and there was much lively discussion upon its uses and setup. He discussed talk groups and access to them as well as other features of his ‘spot.’

We also discussed the use and setup of WSJT-X, and related software add-ons, for digital modes as there was interest by several of those attending.

Public Service

The season is over for 2024 and will resume early in 2025 around March with the Odyssey of the Mind competition.

Check the HPSNC.org web site often for Public Service opportunities. The public service season is very active and events need volunteers. You may also get to public service events on the RARS and SWARC websites.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Christy Fernandini’s report detailed income of \$155.00 in dues and donations with expenses of \$54.17 comprised of the \$50 to sponsor an NCQSO award, \$3.00 bank fee and \$1.17 for Square charges. Balance of \$2,73.22 with no obligated funds or invoices outstanding.



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The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm more or less.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Hall K7RLH
Secretary and Newsletter Editor

MEMBERSHIP

You can bring a check or cash for dues to the next meeting or mail them to the club PO box and Christy will advise she has received them. Also, you can now renew online by contacting Christy and giving her the appropriate credit card info for the 'Square' account. Christy's email is christyfernandini@outlook.com. Make checks payable to South Wake ARC and send to South Wake ARC – PO Box 1565 – Fuquay Varina, NC 27526

NET REPORT

SWARC Group – December 2024

The monthly total of check-ins was 157—a small decrease from last month! Note that **very few** net controls record their counts so numbers should actually be higher than recorded. **If you are a net control, please try to document your check-ins so that we can justify the trustee's provision of the repeater for our nets and other uses. If you need help with the spreadsheet software, reach out to one of us and we will try to help.**

•Saturday and Sunday evenings will be called by KT4JR & K7RLH



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- KO4ZFO will call Monday evenings
- KN4OEY will call Tuesday evenings
- KK4BK will call Wednesday evenings except on meeting nights
- KO4ZFO or a board member will call Thursday evenings
- Fridays will continue to be called by NC4MP
- And we need backups – JUST BECAUSE.

Please contact Rodney Warren (KO4ZFO) or Don Nicholson (KN4OEY), if you are interested in calling one or more nets. **If you are a scheduled net controller and you are not able to call your net, please reach out and ask someone else to call it for you!**

SWARC Mission Statement

South Wake ARC's primary purpose is to further the Amateur Radio Service through programs, activities, and education, in order to promote the radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency of its members. Further, it shall be our purpose to support the welfare of our community through public service including radio communications for emergency situations and public events, and through providing information, training, and assistance to individuals or organizations with an interest in the Amateur Radio Service. Refer to the SWARC web site for the Board of Directors/Officers and Appointed Positions.

LINKS (if you have other links that you want added, send them to me)

PRN

A Wide Area Digital Amateur Radio Network

www.ncprn.net

GigaParts

www.gigaparts.com



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South Wake Amateur Radio Club SWARC	www.southwakearc.com
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North Carolina Packet	www.ncpacket.com
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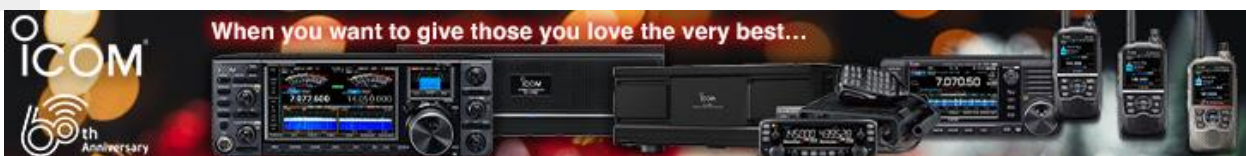


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ARRL RTTY Roundup is This Weekend



The first ARRL contest of 2025 is about to begin. The [ARRL RTTY Roundup](#) is this weekend. The event begins at 1800 UTC on Saturday, January 4, and concludes at 2359 UTC on Sunday, January 5. Operation is allowed using the RTTY mode on the 80-, 40-, 20-, 15-, and 10-meter bands. “RTTY Roundup is a great opportunity to explore this unique digital mode,” said ARRL Contest Program Manager Paul Bourque, N1SFE.

It is not hard to get started in the mode. “If you’re set up to run digital modes, you’re halfway there,” said Bourque. For information on getting started with RTTY, a great resource to check out is rttycontesting.com.

RTTY traces its origins back to the beginning of landline teleprinter operations in 1849, but RTTY contesting has seen a resurgence in popularity in recent years. In the 2024 RTTY Roundup, there were 1,953 logs submitted — 160 more than in 2023.



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Find more information about the contest, awards, and rules at www.arrl.org/rtty-roundup. Log submissions are due within 7 days of the contest.

CWops Announces 2024 Advancing the Art of CW Award



Each year, [CWops](http://www.cwops.org), an international organization that promotes and advances Morse code (CW) in amateur radio communications, accepts nominations for individuals, groups, and organizations for the CWops Award for Advancing the Art of CW. The award recognizes contributions made toward advancing the art or practice of radio communications by Morse code.

[The Radio Officer's Association](http://www.roa.org) (ROA) is the recipient of the [2024 CWops Award for Advancing the Art of CW](http://www.cwops.org/2024-award). ROA honors and preserves the history and accomplishments of radio professionals from across the Merchant Navy, Coast Station Service, and Civil Aeronautical industry. Its membership includes nearly 400 former professional radio officers, half of whom hold amateur radio licenses. CWops recognized ROA's efforts to preserve CW history through its journal, and for activities that span CW mentoring, on air nets, and CW-related museum displays and related activities.

The award was recently accepted by ROA's Bill Cross, G0ELZ, at the organization's annual meeting in Liverpool, England. It was presented by CWops President Stew Rolfe, GW0ETF.



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Winter Field Day 2025



[Winter Field Day \(WFD\)](#), hosted by the Winter Field Day Association, is scheduled to run from 1900 UTC on Saturday, January 25, through 1859 UTC on Sunday, January 26.

WFD is held on the last full weekend in January and is a communications exercise that can be worked from the comfort of your home or from a remote location. You can participate by yourself, with your friends and family, or with a local club.

WFD is designed to help increase your level of preparedness for disasters and for you to improve and practice your operating skills in winter environments, as the potential for freezing temperatures, snow, ice, and other hazards present unique operating conditions.

WFD is open to participants worldwide. Amateur radio operators may use frequencies on the HF,



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VHF, or UHF bands and are free to use any mode that can faithfully transmit the required exchange intact. Similar to ARRL's Field Day, bonus points are earned in several ways, including from using non-commercial power sources, operating from remote locations, making satellite contacts, and more. Make sure you register your location at the [WFD registration page](#). To date, there are 345 locations registered around the world.

Also, remember to mark your calendar for 2025 ARRL Field Day on June 28 - 29. For additional information, visit [Field Day \(arrrl.org\)](#).

Amateur Radio in the News

[“Ham radio is still a disaster lifeline, even in the iPhone era - here's why”](#) / ZDNET (New York)
December 18, 2024

[“Mike Hall to run Lanierland Amateur Radio Club Net On Christmas Day as he recovers from stroke”](#) / WDUN (Georgia) December 25, 2024

[“Local club connecting amateur radio enthusiasts”](#) / Weirton Daily News (Ohio) December 27, 2024

[“Ham it up with radio hams at Belwin”](#) / The Gazette (Minnesota) December 28, 2024 -- *The Stillwater Amateur Radio Association is an ARRL Affiliated Club.*

ARRL Podcasts



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In early 2025, the ARRL Education & Learning Department will launch an interactive livestreamed video podcast, *On the Air Live*. The monthly episodes will be aimed toward educating new and intermediate-level hams, inspiring them to explore the nearly endless aspects of amateur radio and develop their skills. ARRL Education Specialist Wayne Greene, KB4DSF, who will host each episode, joins the On the Air podcast to share more details, including

upcoming topics and how to participate in real time.



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ARRL Audio News

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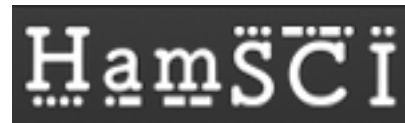
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In Brief...

Ham Radio Science Citizen Investigation, HamSCI, will hold its 2025 community workshop on March 14 - 15, 2025, at the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) in Newark, New Jersey. The theme for

this year's conference is "HamSCI's Big Year" and will provide an opportunity for both amateur radio and professional research communities to collaborate and share ideas. The session planned for Friday will be organized in the format of a traditional science workshop, with a full day's program of oral technical and scientific presentations. The Saturday session will focus more on the "citizen science" (volunteer) aspects of HamSCI, where amateur radio operators make the





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greatest impact. HamSCI and NJIT will be hosting a banquet on Friday night, with a keynote speaker. Conference and registration details will be available soon. For more information about HamSCI, and to join the mailing list and receive their quarterly newsletter, please visit the [HamSCI website](#).

A reminder that ARRL Kids Day is Saturday, January 4, 2025, and runs from 1800 - 2359 UTC. You may operate as much or as little as you like. The event is designed to give on-the-air experience to young people, to foster interest in getting a license of their own, and give older hams a chance to share their stations and love for amateur radio with children. You can share the excitement with your own kids, grandkids, a Scout troop, a church, or the general public! All participants are encouraged to post their stories and thumbnail photos to the [Kids Day Soapbox page](#). Tell the world about your operations, the fun you had, and the contacts you made! Remember, ARRL must have a completed [release form](#) in order to include youth photos (younger than 18 years of age) in ARRL publications. There will be a second ARRL Kids Day on June 21, 2025. More information, including frequencies, suggested exchanges, and how to download a certificate, can be found at [Kids Day](#).

ARRL seeks your help in honoring outstanding work done by hams, through the ARRL Service Awards, and nominations are now open. There is a host of different awards which are divided into four categories: Education Awards, Media/Public Relations Awards, Technical Awards, and Distinguished Service Awards. Visit the [ARRL Awards Nominations page](#) where there are more details for each award, plus instructions for making nominations.

Announcements

[QuartzFest](#), a week-long ham radio, camping, learning, and living outdoor event, will be held January 19 - 25, 2025 near Quartzite, Arizona. QuartzFest is an ARRL Specialty Convention. Special Event Station W7Q will be in operation 0900 - 1800 PST daily. ARRL National Instructor Gordon West, WB6NOA, will hold a welcome seminar Monday January 20, 0900 – 1000 PST and on Friday afternoon at 14:00 PST West will be the featured speaker at the ARRL Instructor Seminar. Camping is free but there is a \$5.00 admission charge. Events scheduled throughout the week include an RV and Rock Show on Tuesday, an Off Road Adventure Wednesday morning, and a Hike to [Cunningham Peak](#) Thursday. QuartzFest is located 7 miles south of Quartzsite, on US 95 at La Paz Valley Road. More





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information and complete list of events can be viewed [here](#).

Registration is now open for the 2025 Dayton ConTest University (CTU) to be held all day on Thursday May 15, 2025, at the [Hope Hotel](#) on Wright-Patterson Air Force Base the day before Hamvention® opens in Xenia, Ohio. 2025 will be the 16th year for CTU Dayton. Eight different countries have hosted CTUs, including the USA, Australia, Russia, Germany, Italy, England, Brazil, and Finland. Over 10,000 students have attended these CTUs with more than 100 CTU professors sharing their contesting experiences. The 2025 CTU Dayton course outline will be posted once all have been confirmed. Each presentation is carefully prepared with up-to-date information. CTU professors are experienced testers who will share their knowledge, and participants can ask questions and learn new ways to enjoy contesting. Videos and PDF presentations from past CTUs can be viewed at contestuniversity.com. There are scholarships (registration fee paid) available for CTU through a grant from the Northern California DX Foundation for students aged 25 or younger. Student registration information is on the CTU website, contestuniversity.com.

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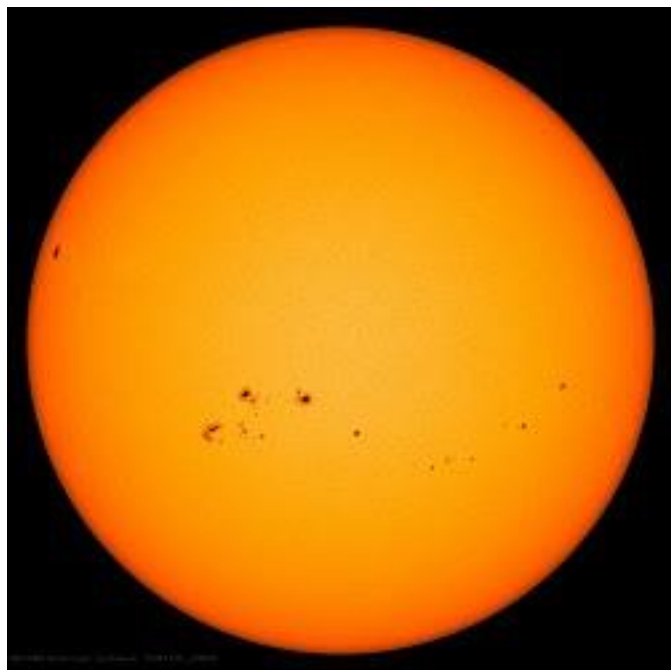
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The K7RA Solar Update



This image was taken on January 2, 2025.



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ARRL Propagation Bulletin ARLP001:

Currently a geomagnetic storm is raging. On January 1 - 2, Alaska's college A index reached 113. Predicted planetary A index is 8, then 5 over the next few days, then up to 50 on January 27. Aurora is visible in Arizona in North America and as far south as Italy in Europe.

Predicted solar flux is 220, 215, 220, 215 and 210 on January 2 - 6; 205 on January 7 - 8; 200, 170 and 165 on January 9 - 11; 170 on January 12 - 13; 175 on January 13 - 15, then above 200 after January 18. See the current issue of *QST* magazine about the peak of cycle 25.

Sunspot numbers for December 26, 2024, through January 1, 2025, were 211, 233, 213, 209, 162, 172, and 163 with a mean of 194.7. The 10.7 -centimeter flux was 255.8, 258.5, 260.3, 254.7, 223.5, 216.2, and 219.2 with a mean of 241.2. The Planetary A index was 3, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10 and 86 with an average of 16.9 and the middle latitude A Index was 3, 5, 7, 10, 7, 10, and 48, with a mean of 12.9.

Read "What's next when the Sun reaches solar maximum? Experts weigh in" from Meteored, one the United Kingdom's leading providers of worldwide meteorological information.

Send your tips, questions, or comments to k7ra@arrl.net.

A comprehensive K7RA Solar Update is posted Fridays on the ARRL website. For more information concerning radio propagation, [visit](#) the ARRL Technical Information Service, read "What the Numbers Mean...," and [check out](#) the Propagation Page of Carl Luetzelschwab, K9LA.

A propagation bulletin [archive](#) is available. For customizable propagation charts, visit the [VOACAP Online for Ham Radio website](#).

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Just Ahead in Radiosport



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- January 4 -- PODXS 070 Club PSKFest (digital)
- January 4 -- Marconi Club ARI Loano QSO Party Day (CW)
- January 4 - 5 -- WW PMC Contest (CW, phone)
- January 4 -- RSGB AFS Contest (CW)
- January 4 -- [ARRL Kids Day](#) (phone)
- January 4 - 5 -- [ARRL RTTY Roundup](#) (digital)
- January 4 - 5 -- EUCW 160m Contest (CW)
- January 7 -- ARS Spartan Sprint (CW)

Visit the [ARRL Contest Calendar](#) for more events and information.



Upcoming Section, State, and Division Conventions

- January 4 | [Ham Radio University](#), hosting the ARRL New York City-Long Island Section Convention, Brookville, New York
- January 10 - 11 | [2025 Southwest Florida Regional Hamfest](#), hosting the ARRL Southern Florida Section Convention, Fort Myers, Florida
- January 17 - 18 | [Cowtown Hamfest 25](#), hosting the ARRL North Texas Section Convention, Forest Hill, Texas
- January 31 - February 1 | [Jackson MS Capital City Hamfest 2025](#), hosting the ARRL Mississippi Section Convention, Jackson, Mississippi
- February 7 - 9 | [Orlando HamCation](#), hosting the ARRL Southeastern Division Convention,



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Orlando, Florida

- February 8 | [Hendricks County Hamfest](#), hosting the ARRL Indiana Section Convention, Danville, Indiana
- February 14 -15 | [Yuma Hamfest](#), hosting the ARRL Southwestern Division Convention, Yuma, Arizona
- February 22 | [HAM-CON](#), hosting the ARRL Vermont State Convention, Colchester, Vermont
- February 28 - March 1 | [BirmingHamfest](#), hosting the ARRL Alabama Section Convention, Trussville, Alabama
- March 7 - 8 | [Greater Houston HamFest](#), hosting the ARRL Texas State Convention, Rosenberg, Texas
- March 15 | [69th Annual St. Patrick's Day Hamfest](#), hosting the ARRL West Texas Section Convention, Midland, Texas

Search the [ARRL Hamfest and Convention Database](#) to find events in your area.

Did You Know?

Members have access to more than 30 online courses in the ARRL Learning Center. Topics range from *3D Printing for Amateur Radio* to *Public Relations 101 for Radio Amateurs* (PR-101), and everything in between! Also, be sure to check out the Learning Center's two new courses for Emergency Communications, *Basic EmComm*, and *Intermediate EmComm*.



Have News for ARRL?

Submissions for *The ARRL Letter* and ARRL News can be sent to news@arrl.org. -- John E. Ross, KD8IDJ, [ARRL News Editor](#)



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The ARRL Letter is available in an accessible format, posted weekly to the [Blind-hams Groups.io](#) email group. The group is dedicated to discussions about amateur radio as it concerns blind hams, plus related topics including ham radio use of adaptive technology.

[NCJ -- National Contest Journal](#). Published bimonthly, features articles by top contesters, letters, hints, statistics, scores, NA Sprint, and QSO parties.

[QEX -- A Forum for Communications Experimenters](#). Published bimonthly, features technical articles, construction projects, columns, and other items of interest to radio amateurs and communications professionals.

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